

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0457) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 76) asked:

How many Sri Lankans have been assessed since 1 January 2012? What has been the outcome of those assessments?

*Answer:*

According to DIAC systems as at COB 15 October 2012 there have been 443 Sri Lankan irregular maritime arrivals who have had their protection claims assessed at the primary stage by DIAC since 1 January 2012.

Of these:

- 208 were found not to be a refugee
- 235 were found to be a refugee.